Estimate of Requirement of Crude Oil in the Country

†81. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an estimate regarding the requirement of crude oil in the country during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the estimate regarding the requirement thereof for the said year;

(c) to what extent this requirement is more than the last year's requirement; and

(d) by what percentage the demand of crude oil in the country was met each by the indigenous and imported products during 1998-99 and 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated requirement of crude oil during 2000-01 is a 112.823 million tonnes.

(c) the estimated requirement of crude oil during 2000-01 is higher by 27.114 million tonnes as compared to the last year.

(d) the percentage requirement of crude oil met by the indigenous crude oil and imported crude during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is as under:

	1998-99	1999-2000
Indigenous crude oil	43.1%	33.5%
Imported crude oil	56.9%	66.5%

Cess Levied on the Crude Oil

†82. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that cess is levied on the crude oil by Government in the country;

(b) if so, at what rate this cess is levied and what was the total amount collected through such cess during the year 1999-2000;

(c) the total amount which has been collected through such cess till March, 2000; and

(d) whether Government would contemplate to make up the losses of oil-pool account out of this amount.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rate of cess on crude oil is Rs. 900 per tonne *w.e.f.* 1.2.1989. The amount collected through cess during 1999-2000 is Rs. 2,572 crore (approx.) after deducting collection charges.

(c) As per information received from OIDB, the total amount of cess collected by the Government of India till March, 2000 is Rs. 36,011 crores (approx.) after deducting collection charges.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

VRS for IOC Employees

†83. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. has dicided to retire its employees by introducing the Voluntary Retirement Scheme;

(b) if so, the total number of employees engaged in the company in April 2000, togetherwith the total number of employees likely to be surplus as per the estimate; and

(c) the annual additional financial expenditure being incurred by the indian Oil Corporation Ltd. due to these surplus employees?

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